

MR. HOLME: Hello, my name is Bruce Holme, I'm with Barney Trucking. I have been in the mining industry for 40 years. I've been anything from a coal miner to a vendor to the person driving the truck hauling the coal off the properties. The companies that we represent are upstanding people in everything they do. The vehicles we drive on the road are the safest that you can get your money onto. You don't see smoke stacks on trucks anymore. They're all going through emission controls and standards that has been set by the government. So even with all this effort, you know, the coal industry is the life of Central Utah. I really have a hard time listening to people that think that the wind blows this way from Southern and Central Utah. I've never seen it -- made it here myself. I've lived there for 40 years, but the power plants are not even one source of the generation of emissions. We see these controlled burns that the Forest Service does on the properties. One day of emission from that is more than you can see in the whole winter. I mean it's like driving into Salt Lake on a bad, winter day. And it's all caused by the government. (Applause.) You know, the coal mines and the trucking companies in our area are what makes the area. Our companies all donate to the Federations for Elk Foundations, they do projects. SUFCO Mines has done so many things for improving environmental aspects up there. I mean they do sage grass, they put water tanks in for ranchers, they go around and they help in the community with projects. I personally have felt the impact. I had a daughter get cancer and these are the people that support you. Southern Utah, Central Utah, we're all going to be affected by it if you don't release these moratoriums on these leases. You know, it's a sad world when we're getting told by different groups of what we're going to do and what we can and can't do, but I hope that I can sit in the hearts of you people up there on the stand, that Central Utah is depending on you guys to get these released so we can get going. I have four grandsons that I would like to see in the mining industry. It's a safe industry. You can go look through the records. SUFCO, Skyline, they're all safe mines. Their accident record is -- nobody can beat it. The coal trucking. Barneys have won a lot of awards for being safe. So that's some of the things you need to look at when you start looking at shutting it all down. I appreciate your time and thank you.